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not report from Washington, I will you to keep an
account of all the money that you send me, so that I can
pay you when I get it. Indeed I hope will be very
soon. But the doctors are looking for a cure so I will

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U. S. Military Academy,
West Point Nov. 5th 1848

Dear Brother

I received your kind and welcome letter of the 30th inst. yesterday morning. But your letter came just one day too late for the solution of the examples on page 222, to do me any good, for they came in my leçon of the day before. I did not however have the least difficulty with them, for I can find the roots of all the ~~the~~ examples laid down on pages 221 and 222 by merely looking at the polynomials, and from the enclosed demonstration you will see that I understand the process of extracting ~~the~~ any root of a polynomial. My object in sending you the enclosed demonstration, is to let you see ~~at~~ about what is required of us. Our leçon tomorrow will take ~~us~~ to the method of indeterminate coefficients on the 240th page, I expect we will get through Bourdon this month or perhaps sooner we will then have the remainder of the time until Jan. to review from the four forms of equations of the second degree, ~~on~~ which will take us about three weeks, and the general review commencing at the beginning of the Bank. I have no fears of the January examination for I think by that time I shall understand Bourdon first rate, I am ~~getting~~ getting along first rate in Geography, I can draw a very good map of any state in the union. The last time Professor Sprale was in ~~to~~ hear

the third section, I had the state of Illinois to draw. Prof. Spruce appeared very much pleased with it, I had down all the rivers and about forty of the principal. The instructor gave me a max. for it.

The newly appointed Cadets from Ohio are not doing as well as I should like to see them, There will be two at best and very probably four that will not be able to pass the exam. examination.

We are done drilling until next spring. Our last drill was a skirmish drill, and a hard one it was too, we had fifteen blank cartridges apiece, and had to march at double quick time, up to Fort Putnam, loading and firing as we went. One of my room-mates by some accident got shot in the leg, he is now in the hospital and will not be able to attend to duty for a week or ten days.

Tell Father that he need ^{not} have any fears of my running it to Benny Havens, for I can get every thing ~~on~~ that I want on the Point. I do not know of anything to induce me to go to Benny Havens unless it were to get a good supper, and that I can get at the soda shop.

You told me in one of your letters that if I wanted money to let you know and you would send it to me. If you can send me a little in your next letter it will oblige me very much. I do not, however, wish you to put your self to any trouble to get it if you have not got, nor do I wish you to send it to me ~~if~~ unless you can spare it just as well as not, for I ~~can't~~ get along without as a great many do. I suppose Father is more scrupulous

than ever about sending me money, since he received that report from Washington. I wish you to keep an account of all the money that you send me, so that I can pay you when I get able. which I hope will not be very long. But the drums are beating for dinner so I will have to lay aside my writing.

I have just returned from dinner and I feel quite stuck up; for while at dinner the transfers for the last week was read, and I now find myself a member of the second section. The transfers are generally read out on Saturday night, but they were postponed last night on account of the weather being stormy.

I am glad to hear that there can be no doubt but that the State of Ohio will go for J. C. Taylor

I do not think that it will be necessary for you to put yourself to any more trouble about sending me the statements of the problems as I have got over the worst of them. If, however, I should find any that I cannot master, I will write to you for a solution of them.

Give my love to all our family

I remain Truly your Brother

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